IN THE CLAIMS

Please delete claims 1-8, and insert in lieu thereof new claims 9 and 10 as follows.

An external fixator bone implant, comprising, a rod-like device having a first end

and a second end, a thread at said first end, an intercalated screw-head between said thread and said second end, and means for providing a grip on said driver at said second

end.

10. The device of claim-9, and further comprising a cannulated tip between said

thread and said first end.

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